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TAGS: PFOR, AF

SUBJECT: AFGHAN COUP

1. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR INFORMED US MID-MORNING JULY 10 THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR OFFICIALLY RECEIVED TODAY BY DAUD TO CONVEY OFFICIAL USSR RECOGNITION NEW REGIME. OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS SAID TO HAVE FOLLOWED SUIT.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR OF OPINION THAT FORMAL RECOGNITION NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED IN FRENCH CASE AS UNDER FRENCH DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE QUESTION ARISES ONLY IN EVENT OF TERRIRORIAL CHANGES OR FORMATION OF A NEW STATE. HE IS AWAITING PARIS'S CONFIRMATION OF THIS VIEW.

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3. ACCORDING TO BRITISH DCM, BRITISH PRACTICE IS FOR RELATIONS

TO CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED. ONLY CRITERIOS FOLLOWED, HE STATES, IS WHETHER OR NOT NEW REGIME HAS EFFECTIVE INTERNAL CONTROL, ADDING THAT "WE SLIP INTO RECOGNITION." BRITISH EMBASSY GAVE ROUTINE NOTE TO AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY JULY 19 REQUESTING CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR DCM'S HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SHIPMENT. WHEN QUERIED BY PROTOCOL OFFICE AS TO WHETHER THIS DID NOT REPRESENT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION, UK EMBASSY OFFICER APPARENTLY REPLIED, "WELL I SUPPOSE IT DOES."

4. BRITISH HERE REPORT THAT A BBC BROADCAST IN PERSIAN DESCRIBES AGREED MEETING BETWEEN PAK PRESIDENT BHUTTO AND KING ZAHIR IN ROME, FOLLOWING WHICH KING IS SAID TO HAVE "DISAPPEARED." WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ANY CONFIRMATION THIS REPORT AND ANY RELATED INFORMATION.  
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